

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2008 was estimated at 120,000 head, up 10,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 70,000 head, decreased 2,000 head from January 1, 2007. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 50,000 head, increased by 12,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2007 were 63,000 head, 10,000 less than 2006. Average prices received by sheep

operators in 2007 were \$36.00 per hundredweight for sheep, down \$2.00 from 2006, and \$95.00 per hundredweight for lambs, up \$5.00 from 2006. Cash receipts totaled \$4.42 million, down 16 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices were down 1 cent from last year to 34 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$211,000, up slightly from the previous year.

Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory 1/

	January 1 -----						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Arizona							
Operations (Number)	250	270	260	250	230	250	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	115	115	114	100	105	110	120
United States							
Operations (Number)	68,150	67,720	67,580	68,330	69,470	70,590	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	6,623	6,321	6,105	6,135	6,230	6,165	6,055

1/ An operation is any place having one or more sheep on hand during the year.

2/ Not available until January 2009.

Sheep: By Class, and Farm Value

	January 1 -----						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes	49	49	48	50	57	58	59
Rams	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
Replacement lambs	5	5	6	7	9	10	7
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	58	58	57	40	35	38	50
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	115	115	114	100	105	110	120
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)	96	115	121	135	142	142	145
Total (1,000 Dollars)	11,040	13,225	13,794	13,500	14,910	15,620	17,400

1/ Not available until January 2009.

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
Inventory January 1	115	115	114	100	105	110	120
Lamb crop	34	34	40	42	44	42	3/
In-shippments	68	93	64	67	51	49	3/
Marketings 1/							
Sheep	5	17	9	12	28	24	3/
Lambs	81	95	92	75	45	39	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	13	13	13	13	13	13	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	2	2	2	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	1	1	2	2	2	3	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until January 2009.